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Preparing for your Funeral

A worksheet to guide your planning.

Family / Surname Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Known as / Other / Preferred Names:

Occupation:

Marital Status:

Address:

Date of Birth:

Birthplace:

Father's Name:

Occupation:

Mothers Name:

Occupation:

Marriage / Relationship Details

Date:

Place:

Children:

Next of Kin / Contact Details:

Venue Arrangements:

St Enoch's Alexandra:

Other: (please specify)

Burial / Cremation / Other

Burial Location:

Specific Funeral Details / Requests:

Eg: Bag Piper / Guard of Honour / Soloists / Requested Speakers /
Lodge / RSA / Etc.

SUGGESTED FUNERAL OUTLINE

Intro Music: Recorded or Organist

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn/Song

Opening Prayers

Eulogy

 Tributes

 Family Members

 Friends

 Colleagues

 Time of reflection: (Music, / Powerpoint Slide Show)

Scripture Readings: *(Usually one or two)*

Reflection on Scripture

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the deceased and Intercession concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Hymn / Song

Commendation

Committal (Where there is only to be one event held at the church)

Benediction

Outro Music: Recorded or Organist

At the graveside

The coffin is lowered into the grave

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer

Committal

Ashes to ashes.....

Prayer

Benediction

Hymn suggestions

Now thank we all our God WOV #14
Praise my soul the King of heaven WOV #68
Love Divine all loves excelling WOV #148
Guide me O thou great redeemer WOV #478
The king of love my shepherd is WOV #81
The Lord's my shepherd (Psalm 23) WOV #16
Abide with me WOV #502
All my hope on God is founded WOV #465
Amazing Grace WOV #56
The church's one foundation WOV #385
Our God, our help in ages past WOV #46
Nothing is lost on the breath of God (Colin Gibson) FFS #50
Give thanks for life (Shirley Murray) AA 45
When human voices cannot sing. (Shirley Murray) AA 151
God Weeps (Shirley Murray) FFS #30

*Key: WOV: With One Voice, FFS: Faith Forever Signing, AA: Alleluia Aotearoa
Copies of lyrics are available to borrow.*

Suggested Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Job 19:1, 23-27b
Lamentations 3:7-26, 31-33
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Isaiah 40:28-31
Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 23
Psalm 46:1-5, 10-11
Psalm 90:1-10, 12
Psalm 116
Psalm 121
Psalm 130
Psalm 139:1-12

New Testament

Matthew 5:1-12
Matthew 18:1-5, 10
John 10:14-15, 27-30
John 11:17-27
John 14:1-6, 18-19, 27
Acts 10:34-43
Romans 5:5-11
Romans 6:3-11
Romans 8:18, 28, 31b-35, 37-39
Romans 14: 7-9
Revelation 7:9-17
Revelation 22:1-7

Some questions you might like to consider as you plan your funeral.

- Tell a little about your life history, particularly the parts that you either remember most, or think are the most important.

- When did you feel most alive?"

- Are there specific things that you would want your family to know about you, and are there particular things you would want them to remember?

- What are the most important roles you have played in life (family roles, vocational roles, community service roles, etc.)?

- Why were they so important to you, and what do you think you accomplished in those roles?

- What are your most important accomplishments, and what do you feel most proud of?"

- Are there particular things that you feel still need to be said to your loved ones, or things that you would want to take the time to say once again?

- "What are your hopes and dreams for your loved ones?"

- What have you learned about life that you would want to pass along to others?

- What advice or words of guidance would you wish to pass along to your (son, daughter, husband, wife, grandchildren, friends / others)?

- Are there words or perhaps even instructions you would like to offer your family to help prepare them for the future?"